

CLAIMS

1. A medium comprising an electronic tag fixed to the medium, the electronic tag storing information that identifies a corresponding quantity and type of print media.

2. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the electronic tag is a radio frequency tag.

3. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the medium is a sheet in a stack.

4. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the medium is a sheet in a roll.

5. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the medium is a package designed to contain print media.

6. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the information further comprises a number of sheets of print media contained in a package of print media or a length of print media in a roll of print media.

7. A method for packaging print media, the method comprising:
fixing an electronic tag onto a package designed to contain a quantity of print media of a media type; and

storing information on the electronic tag, the information comprising at least the media type, such that upon loading at least a portion of the package

that comprises the electronic tag into a media supply of an imaging device, the information is automatically transferred to the imaging device.

8. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the quantity of print media is a stack of print media.

9. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the quantity of print media is a roll of print media.

10. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the electronic tag is a radio frequency tag.

11. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the information further comprises a number of sheets of print media contained in the package or a length of print media that is contained on the package.

12. A method to automatically provide print media information to an imaging device, the method comprising:

detecting, by an imaging device, data stored on an electronic tag; and
automatically configuring the imaging device based on the data.

13. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the electronic tag is fixed to a portion of a package that comprises a quantity of print media, the portion being loaded in a media supply of an imaging device.

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14. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein detecting the data is independent of any indicia imprinted on any particular one of the quantity of print media.

15. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the data comprises at least a media type that corresponds to the quantity of print media.

16. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the quantity of print media is a stack of print media.

17. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the quantity of print media is a roll of print media.

18. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the electronic tag is a radio frequency tag that is attached to the package.

19. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the data further comprises a value that indicates a number of sheets of print media contained in the package or a length of print media that is contained on the package.

20. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the data further comprises a value to indicate a remaining quantity of print media; and,

wherein the method further comprises:

removing at least one portion of the quantity of print media from the package; and

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responsive to removing the at least one portion, updating the value to reflect a number of sheets remaining of the quantity of print media or an available length remaining of the quantity of print media.

21. A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the data further comprises a value that indicates an amount remaining of the quantity of print media; and,

wherein the method further comprises:

responsive to detecting the data, presenting the amount remaining on a display device for viewing, and/or presenting the value to a computer program application to determine if there is enough print media to complete a print job.

22. A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions to automatically provide print media information to an imaging device, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

detecting data stored on an electronic tag; and

configuring the imaging device based on the data.

23. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the electronic tag is fixed to a package, the package comprising a quantity of print media, the package being loaded in a media supply of an imaging device.

24. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein detecting the data is independent of any indicia imprinted on any particular one of the quantity of print media.

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25. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the data comprises at least a media type that corresponds to the quantity of print media.

26. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the tag is a radio frequency tag that is attached to the package.

27. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the data further comprises a value that indicates a number of sheets of print media contained in a package or a length of print media that is contained on the package.

28. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the data further comprises a value to indicate a remaining quantity of print media; and,

wherein the computer-executable instructions further comprise instructions for:

removing at least one portion of the quantity of print media from a package; and

responsive to removing the at least one portion, updating the value to reflect a number of sheets remaining of the quantity of print media or an available length remaining of the quantity of print media.

29. A computer-readable medium as recited in claim 22, wherein the data further comprises a value that indicates an amount remaining of the quantity of print media, and wherein the computer-executable instructions further comprise instructions for:

responsive to detecting the data, presenting the amount remaining on a display device for viewing, and/or presenting the value to a computer program application to determine if there is enough print media to complete a print job.

30. A method to automatically provide print media information to an imaging device, the method comprising:

loading a plurality of sheets of print media into a feed path of an imaging device, at least one subset of the print media having a particular print media type, the sheets comprising a particular one sheet that comprises an electronic tag, the electronic tag being configured to identify information corresponding to each of the other sheets of print media, the information comprising at least the particular print media type;

generating a signal that results in a transfer of the information to the imaging device;

receiving the information; and

responsive to receiving the information, automatically configuring the imaging device based on the particular media type.

31. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the particular one sheet is a media type that is different than the particular media type of the sheets.

32. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the electronic tag is a radio frequency tag.

33. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the sheets include a top sheet and a bottom sheet, wherein the particular one sheet is a first sheet that is the top sheet, and wherein the method further comprises:

removing the top sheet from the sheets; and

wherein generating the signal is performed responsive to removing the top sheet.

34. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the sheets include a top sheet and a bottom sheet, wherein the particular one sheet is a last sheet that is the bottom sheet, wherein the information further comprises a value that indicates a number of sheets remaining of the sheets, and wherein the method further comprises:

removing a sheet from the sheets ; and

wherein generating the signal is performed responsive to removing the sheet.

35. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the information further comprises a value that indicates a number of sheets remaining of the sheets; and,

wherein the method further comprises:

responsive to receiving the information, presenting the value on a display device for viewing or presenting the value to a computer program application such that the value is available to determine if there is enough print media to complete a printing job.